

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A detergent composition comprising (A) an anionic surfactant and (B) trimethylglycine, wherein the components (A) and (B) are added at a weight ratio (A)/(B) = 1/3.5 or greater but less than 2.4/1 and the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to 2 or greater but less than 6.5.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant as the component (A) is at least one selected from the group consisting of alkyl ether sulfates, alkenyl ether sulfates, ether carboxylate surfactants, amide ether carboxylate surfactants, phosphate surfactants, N-acylamino acid salt surfactants, polyoxyalkylene fatty acid amide ether sulfates, acylated isethionates, acylated taurates and N-alkylamido alkanol sulfates.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 comprising the anionic surfactant (A) and the trimethylglycine (B) in amounts of from 0.1 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactants, cationic surfactants and nonionic surfactants in an amount from 0.001 to 30 wt.%.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, which is a skin detergent composition.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, which is a face wash.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 3, comprising the anionic surfactant (A) and the trimethylglycine (B) in amounts of from 5 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively.

Claim 8. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, wherein the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to from 5.0 to 6.4.

Claim 9. (New) A detergent composition comprising (A) an anionic surfactant and (B) trimethylglycine in amounts of from 5 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively, wherein the components (A) and (B) are added at a weight ratio  $(A)/(B) = 1/3.5$  or greater but less than  $2.4/1$  and the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to from 5.0 to 6.4.